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1. South Vietnam

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Co's dismissal still has not become public knowledge, but seems certain to leak out before long. The other generals, however, continue to tell themselves he lacks the cards to cause any serious trouble.

2. Jordan

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3. Congo (Brazzaville)

Embassy Kinshasa (Leopoldville) has sent in some bits and pieces on what it learns about the situation across the river in Brazzaville. For one thing, the Chinese Communist advisers there are busy pushing the line that Brazzaville can get along very well without the French and that there is no truth to the argument that Brazzaville would collapse without French aid. The Brazzaville government is trying to squelch this kind of talk.

As for the Cubans, the local estimate is that there are about 600 of them in Brazzaville city alone; more are posted to the interior to try to make guerrillas out of young Congolese toughs.

4. West Germany

Ambassador McGhee sums up the results of Chancellor Kiesinger's recent Paris visit like this:

- the major accomplishment was the development of a new atmosphere--graceful compliments by Kiesinger, no pressure from De Gaulle;
- the field where there was the widest agreement involved relations with Eastern Europe. Apparently the two leaders discussed joint French-German economic projects there;
- both men skirted around the edges in talking about bilateral cooperation in military research and development. Details are still unclear, but both sides were apparently restrained;
- no progress was made in the other main substantive areas;
- on balance, Kiesinger set out with a limited goal--he performed well.

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